

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A fixing device adapted to be fixed to a surface ~~such as a ceiling~~ and to receive a perforated section, said device comprising:

a plate for fixing ~~[[it]]~~ the device to said surface;
and

a support for receiving said perforated section and having a wall substantially perpendicular to said plate and at least two claws with the same orientation adapted to cooperate with corresponding perforations of said perforated section,

wherein said wall includes a precut locking lug adapted to be bent into another one of the perforations ~~perforation~~ and cooperate with an edge of said one perforation to immobilize said perforated section against movement in translation.

2. (currently amended) The fixing device claimed in claim 1, wherein the perforated section has ~~adapted to receive a~~ U-section with branches ~~comprising~~ having the perforations therein, ~~in which device~~ wherein said support has two parallel walls~~[[, the]]~~ and a distance between said parallel walls corresponds to the distance between said branches of said U-section, each of said parallel walls has at least one of said

claws ~~elaw~~, all said claws have the same spatial orientation, and at least one of said parallel walls has ~~[[a]]~~ said locking lug.

3. (original) The fixing device claimed in claim 2 wherein said two parallel walls are connected by a base perpendicular to each of said parallel walls and to said fixing plate.

4. (original) The fixing device claimed in claim 2 wherein said support is a substantially rectangular-section tube, two opposite lateral walls of said tube correspond to said parallel walls, said claws of one of said parallel walls project into said support, said claws of the other of said parallel walls project out of said support, and said support has a longitudinal slot at one corner of said support, on the side of said wall with said claws projecting out of said support.

5. (currently amended) The fixing device claimed in claim 4 wherein said fixing plate comprises two of said lugs each extending at a right angle from one end of a wall of said tube forming said support.

6. (original) The fixing device claimed in claim 5 made by cutting and bending sheet metal.

7. (original) The fixing device claimed in claim 1 wherein said claws are produced by cutting a tongue into the corresponding wall and bending it along two transverse bending lines so that the free end of said tongue is substantially in a plane parallel to the plane of said wall, the distance between

the end of said tongue and said wall corresponding to the thickness of said perforated section adapted to be fixed to said support.

8. (original) The fixing device claimed in claim 1 wherein said locking lug is aligned with said claws on the same wall.

9. (original) The fixing device claimed in claim 7 wherein said locking lug is adapted to be bent along a bending line perpendicular to the bending lines of said claws.

10. (original) The fixing device claimed in claim 1 wherein said locking lug is trapezium-shaped.

11. (new) A fixing device adapted to be fixed to a surface and to receive a perforated section, said device comprising:

a plate for fixing the device to the surface; and

a support for receiving the perforated section,

said support having two opposing walls substantially perpendicular to said plate that define an interior space between said two walls, each of said two walls having at least two claws adapted to cooperate with corresponding perforations of the perforated section, said at least two claws on one of said walls being bent along a first fold line in a first direction into the interior space and said at least two claws on the other of said two walls being bent along a second fold line parallel to the

first fold line in the first direction away from the interior space,

at least one of said two walls having a locking lug adapted to be bent along a third fold line that is perpendicular to the first fold line and into one of the perforations to immobilize the perforated section relative to the fixing device.

12. (new) The fixing device of claim 11, wherein said support is a generally rectangular tube having said two walls as opposing sides and two other walls as opposing other sides, and wherein one of said two walls is separated from an adjacent one of said other walls by a gap that is adapted to receive the perforated section.

13. (new) The fixing device of claim 11, wherein the third fold line is generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of said support.

14. (new) The fixing device of claim 1, wherein said locking lug is adapted to be bent along a fold line that is generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of said support.

15. (new) The fixing device of claim 1, wherein said support is a generally rectangular tube having said wall on one side, a further wall opposing said wall and two other walls as opposing other sides, and wherein said wall is separated from an adjacent one of said other walls by a gap that is adapted to receive the perforated section.